

Amendment No. 2 to SB4071

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 4071

House Bill No. 4029*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection thereto:

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(1) There is created a pilot project to assist students, who are juniors and seniors in high school and who are eligible for dual enrollment grants under this section, in enrolling in dual enrollment courses that require a computer to facilitate the offering of such course or as necessary equipment for such course. The Tennessee higher education commission in consultation with the Tennessee board of regents and the department of education shall develop and administer the program.

(2) The pilot program shall be for a period of twelve (12) months, and shall provide laptop computers for students in two (2) schools in each grand division of the state.

(3) The total cost of the laptops to be purchased for the pilot program shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).

(4) The commission working in consultation with the board of regents and the department of education shall identify specifications for laptop computers capable of wireless and telephone modem connectivity in order that students in any school chosen for the pilot project, including rural schools, have the ability to access fully the dual enrollment courses as required by the course or course content. The laptop computers will be purchased through a competitive bid

process administered by the commission with a target cost of five hundred dollars (\$500) each but to be acquired at the lowest possible cost through bids.

(5) The pilot project, including the administrative costs of the commissions, the board of regents and department of education, shall be funded from the net lottery proceeds.

(6) The pilot project shall distribute computers in the 2008-2009 school year, no later than January 2009.

(7) The commission and the board of regents, in consultation with the department of education shall evaluate the pilot project and shall issue a preliminary report to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives by July 1, 2009, and thereafter shall issue a full report detailing its findings and conclusions to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives by January 11, 2010.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.